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OUR SAN FRANCISCO LETTER.

Per S. S. "Australia." San Francisco September 11, 1888.

(From our Special Correspondent )

### Sugar News.

Sugar news continues isvorable with an advance in both raws and refined, the former being quoted at 6% cents for 96 degrees. The market for refined has been very firm both in the East and in San Francisco, the changes here being as follows: August 28th advance of % cent. August 30th advance of 1/2 cent. September 3d advance of 14 cent, September 5th advance of 16 cent, September 6th advance of 14 cent on all grades except Golden C. which went up 14 cent. The prices for refined sugars in San Francisco now are 814 cents for Cube, Crushed and Powdered grades, 7% cents for granulated, 7% cents for confectioners 6% cents for Extra C. and 6% cents for Golden C.

Work at the Watsonville factory will be commenced in a week or so and with good prospects of success. The weather has been most favorable for the proper maturing of the beets, very different from that in Europe whence cold weather and floods have been continuously reported, doing considerable damage to crops, but its exact extent has not yet been determined. Mr. Spreckels returned from Watsonville this inorning and he has never been more sure of success in the beet sugar enterprise. He says the beets are in excellent condition and the farmers are delighted with the outlook. He has determined to enlarge the factory there to double its present capacity, the buildings being erected with such end in view. The contract for the additional machinery has already been let, and next season Watsonville is beets with a proportionally increased sugar product. It is not at all unlikely that Mr. Spreckels will remain longer on this Coast than he authopated, leaving his Eastern business for the present in the hands of one of his sons. His most favorite undertaking is the beet sugar enterprise, to which he will now devote even more time than hithertofore, as he is so firmly convinced of its great success. As soon as the samples of beets, grown from the seed that he distributed all over the State, have been analyzed he will begin to arrange for the erection of other factories, and enquiries are now being made at San Francisco machine shops as to their capacity for turning out plants in as brief a time as possible.

The International Sugar Bounties Conterence has completed its work and the Convention has been signed, to go into operation on September 1, 1891, and to remain in force for ten years. Austria-Hungary reserves the right to examine further into the matter; France has not signed but retains the option to do so for six months, and Brazil has, so far, withheld her formal adherence. France is afraid that, if she signs the Convention, the United States will be every direction. It swept across Spear had a very narrow escape on the journey able to cut her cut in South American street and down to East street, almost as the train on which he was traveling markets. Denmark objects to the mo- cleaning out the whole blocks, and doing went off the rails, every car rolling over ses clause while Egypt adheres to it

Opposition to Trusts still continues and Congressman Breckenridge has introduced a bill specially aimed at them. His sugar bill provides that all sugars above No. 13 degrees shall pay 2 and 52-100 cents duty per pound; above No. 16 and not above No. 20, 2 and 60-100 cents per pound; above No. 20, 2 and 70-100 cents per pound. This bill sime at the higher grades of sugar on which Trusts are formed. Another bill that has been introduced in Congress seeks to impose a fine of from \$1,000 to \$20,000 upon any person connected with Trusts.

Professor Wiley acknowledges the failure of sorghum culture owing to lack of skill and patience on the part of the thrown out of work. farmer. He says "in four years I have never found a large field of sorghum, judged by the juice obtained, which was rich enough to make sugar economi-

Hawaiian Commercial Co.'s stock has been in great demand, advancing steadily till sales of a small quantity of stock were effected at \$30, and it is now quoted Harvey and the Swedish bark Natal. firm at \$29 50 bud.

The largest cargo of sugar ever imported into the United States arrived at Boston from Havana. It weighed 9,500,-000 pounds valued at \$600,000, and the deties will amount to \$200,000.

The Steamship Mariposa. It is possible that the S. S. Mariposa will leave here a day late, or not till Sunday, 23d inst., as the S. S. Aurania carrying the English mails for the Colonies started fate from Liverpool and then broke her crank-pin through making up lost time. The Aurania was consequently detained a day at Queenstown. Chief officer Hart of the Mariposa, who brought her up from the Colonnes on her last trip, has been presented with a

\$250, by his passengers. J. D. Spreckels and Bros. have been notified by British Consul Donobne that Lord Salisbury has forwarded from Her Majesty's Government, through Sir Lionel West at Washington, a piece of plate for Captain H. M. Hayward, a gold medal for Chief officer Hart, and a silver shipwreck medal, with \$10 in cash, for street wharf. each of the four men who manned the boat that saved the shipwrecked people from the British bank Henry James, lost at Palmyra Island. This recognition on the part of Her Majesty's Government is

very gratifying to all concerned. Political Matters. Members of Congress are becoming annous to adjourn, and it would not be surprising if they did so without comleting any important legislation. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs has agreed upon a bill which will place great power in the hands of the President in

the Canadian retaliation matter. The Vermont State election shows a Republican plurality of 28,000, a gain of nearly 9,000 over four years ago. In 180 towns 148 Republicans have been elected, and the Senate is solidly Republican, a gain of three members since

A published telegram stated that the Chinese Government refused to ratify the new American treaty restricting immigration. The President thereupon, to make political capital, had a new bill hastnly prepared and introduced in the House by Scott of Pennsylvania. It rewhether they have been here before or not, from entering the United States. At St. Petersburg a millistic plot has and if those who are now here about the readquarters being been discovered, the headquarters being beave they cannot return. All certifications are now here about the rescue and a free fight took cars run up hill and down and on the market into the custody of marking synthm of surface transfer in the condition.

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cates that have been issued are declared This bill was promptly passed by both House and Senate, and it now transpires that the Emperor of China has not refused to sign the new treaty, but merely postponed consideration There are reports of an attack having been made upon the American Minis

ter's official residence at Canton. At Melbourne a Chinese immigrant sued the Government for damages for not being permitted to land. The case was a test one, heard before the full bench of Judges, a majority of whom decided in favor of the Chinaman.

Storms and Floods. Terrible storms and floods have been experienced at New York and New Bedenormous hailstones. At Little Rock, Ark., there was a huge waterspoot which. like a tidal wave, swept everything beper cent of the cotton crop has been destroyed. At Charleston the large iron bridge of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad was carried away. In Delaware bay several schooners were sunk. At Columbia the cotton fields have been inundated for ten days, the cotton rot-

ting in the sod. At Budwei-, in Bohemia, 15,000 people have been flooded out and taken refuge in the hills; in the Poprad valley, near Pesth, six villages have been sobmerged. The Mexican Central railroad track has been flooded and partly washed out,

and all business is suspended. Cuba has also suffered, a gunboat oundering and drowning the captain and all of the crew. At Sagus fifty people lost their lives and the village of Pueblo Neuvo was wiped out. Every vessel at Batabano, Cuba, was sunk. At Matañzas several tug boats were lost, and at Cardenas even the stone buildings were demolished. The loss of property, houses, crops, wharves, shipping and furniture will amount to millions of dollars, and it is impossible to ascertain the loss of life.

Disasters by Fire.

At the large Hamburg fire the total oss reached \$25,000,000. Immense quantities of cotton, rice and saltpeter, to have an increased acreage planted in and 6,000 tons of beets, a quarter of a mile of warehouses and several vessels were destroyed, besides twenty persons being burned to death.

At Tarnobraez, Galicia, 150 houses were destroyed and 200 families rendered homeless, the loss being 2,500,000 marks. At the village of Finogana on the Isthmus of Panama, forty-eight houses were barned.

At Cygnes, Obio, 25,000 barrels of oil caught fire and eight persons were burned

At Baltimore there has been a\$ 2,-000,000 fire with the loss of eight ives, the places destroyed being all bus-

San Diego has been visited by a \$500,-000 fire in the business portion of the own, and the same occurred at Baker City, Oregon, where the loss amounts to

But it remained for San Francisco to beat the world's record on the afternoon of Sunday, Sept. 9th. The fire comsenced at 1:30 p. m. and it was not till 30 p. m. that the department had the fire under control. It originated on the west side of Main street, between Howard and Mission, the flames spreading in street. In all there were nearly five private car in which were the Spreckels blocks consumed, a building being left family and which was the last one on here and there in the middle of the the train. ruins. Some of the shipping was in great danger, one vessel catching fire. The ally exposing himself as an unprincipled buildings destroyed were mostly old humbug, and a man who would never wooden structures used as factories, iron | pay his debts. After being sued here he works, hay, wood and coal yards, and skipped off to Mexico accompanied by other such inflammable material. The Miss Mabel Taber who has been his less is placed at \$2,000,000, with com- associate since his return from Honolulu, paratively little insurance owing to the | where the lady is said to have repulsed high rate of premium. Among the suf-ferers are Moore and Smith, Columbia the more sedate society of a Bishop. He or imprisonment from one to five years | and National Iron Works, Eureka Boiler Works, Geo. F. Smith, George Fritz, Button & Co., Beyth & Frott, and J. Springer. Several thousand men are

Disasters at Sea-

The S. S. Bratzburg, coal laden, went ashore at Ste. Flavie near Quebec, and smashed to pieces during a storm, fifteen out a crew of seventeen being drowned. A burricane at Algoa Bay, South Africa, wrecked a number of vessels, including the British Bark Jane

A collision occurred near Tarifa beween the S. S. Cairo, from Cardiff, and shreds. the S. S. Sparesbrook, from Odessa, the latter sinking and ten of the crew being drowned. The Alfan line S. S. Prussian burned. collided with and sunk the S. S. Memling in the Clyde. The S. S. Nevada broke her shaft when 300 miles from Sandy Hook but was picked up and towed into New York by the S. S. Lawrence and the S. S. Polaria.

The French fishing feet at Iceland has | are given. been almost totally destroyed, seven vessels and 137 men being engulfed. Many vessels had to be abandoned and bundreds of men were left destitute in Ice-

San Francisco cun also hold its own in handsome gold watch and locket, costing the matter of shipwrecks. The tog-boat A. C. Freese was towing the barge Champion from Benicia when she was run into by a barge and almost sunk. The steamer San Rafael ran into and almost sunk the steamer Frolic, cutting her down to the water's edge. She was prevented from sinking by being made fast to the Washington

The San Francisco whaling fleet has been diminished in the Arctic-five of the vessels, the Fleetwing, Young Phoenix, Mary and Susan, Inq. and Jane Gray, being totally destroyed on Point Barrow in a gale of wind. The revenue cutter Bear brought 109 shipwrecked men to San Francisco. The value of the vessels lost is about \$100,000. The total catch of the senson is only 24% whales for 16 vessels, one of the poorest catches on record. The Rosario secured two whales and a large quantity of bone.

Disease and Dynamite. A disease, like cholera, has been raging in Presque Isle county, Mich., about ten people dying daily. An unknown disease has also prevailed at Cabiwell, Ohio, 25 people dving in a few days out of a population of 1,800. A schooner has arrived at Philadelphia, from Havana, with yellow fever on board, several of the crew dying on the voyage. Yellow fewer has been increasing at Jackson- sion of the United States Circuit Court ville, there having been over 600 cases to date. People are leaving the city, and fully 7,000 negroes have to be supported, subscriptions for their relief having been small-pox have occurred in San Fran-

fice at Cutter, Ind., was blown to pieces Chicago more dynamite bomb discoveries have been made.

Sporting Matters.

Jackson and Godfrey, the two colored orgilists, are to give boxing exhibitions the principal cities throughout the United States. Conley and McAuliffe are to fight in San Francisco on October 26th for a purse of \$2,000. George Johnson, an old Harlem river carsman, is attempting to row a shell from New York to Boston. He expects to row about 30 miles a day. In a three-mile single scull race on Lake Keuka, Teemer beat Hamm and Eyek, time 20 minutes and 5 seconds. Teemer is unable to find a backer ford, where the damage resulted from for \$1,000, so O Connor claims the championship of America. Johnson, the English champion swimmer, beat Leary, of Pittsburg, in a five mile swim at Coney fore it. In Missouri and Louisiana 25 Island for \$500. Wind and tide were against the swimmers and the time was I hour 2019 minutes.

On and Off the Rail.

Besides the accident to the overland train on which Claus Spreckels was traveling West, there have been others of a more serious nature. Near Dijon, in France, two express trains going at full speed collided, killing over thirty people and injuring fifty-six more.

At St. Joseph, Mo., two freight trains collided, both being loaded with mer-chandise valued at \$100,000, all of which was lost. At Wilkesbarre, Pa., a freight train jumped the track and 18 cars were derailed and burned, two of them containing cattle. Loss, \$20,000. At Cincinnati the rear part of Robin-

son's circus train was run into, five persons being killed. Loss, \$30,000. The new overland time table has gone into effect, the time from New York to San Francisco now being five days.

Terrestrial Tremors. Besides a surfeit of other calamities, the world has been shaken up by earthquakes which began at New Zealand on the 2d inst. There were five severe shocks lasting for half an hour, when terror and destruction ensued. At Auckland the spire of Christchurch Cathedral fell and many other buildings were partly demolished. The damage amounted to several hundred thousand dollars, but

there was no loss of life. On the 6th inst., one of the heaviest recorded earthquakes occurred at the City of Mexico, Houses swaved, walls cracked and the people rushed into the streets to pray.

On the 10th inst., two shocks occurred at Vostizza, on the Corintbian gulf, destroying most of the place. Tents and provisions have been forwarded to the homeless and destitute.

Personal

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe is dying. Lester Wallack, the actor, has died of apoplexy.

There has been considerable laughter over an interview in the Examiner with George Macfarlane, the "Hawaiian capitalist." George states that he has made friends with the Spreckels, and this union of capital will doubtless work wonders in the London loan market.

The deposed King of Samos and two chiefs have been released at Berlin, and will immediately return to Apia.

Claus Spreckels has arrived from the East in excellent health and spirits. He same across Mission to Howard a bank at Kimball, Neb., except the

Mind-reader Bishop has been gradupleaded poverty as an excuse for the non-payment of his debts, and it is believed that Miss Taber has secured the whole of Bishop's boodle and now finds the funds for his trip to Mexico.

Odds and Ends.

The rivers Ibi and Akasaka in China have overflowed, washing away people and property. A fire at Kandacho destroyed 509 bouses.

A bloody reign of terror exists at Boenos Ayres, murders being frequent. Four fearful murders have occurred in London, the victims being women whose bodies had been butchered and cut to

The Star and Garter Hotel at Bichmond, on the Thames, has been partly

The German gunboat Moewe shelled the village of Tanga in Zanzibar. A motiny has broken out among the soldiers at Lorenzo Harquez in Africa. There has been a revolt in Afghan with Sighting, of which contradictory reports

At Bolton, England, 1,200 spinners have struck owing to the introduction of a new system of weighing cotton.

Queen Victoria has granted a charter to the British and East African Company to promote commercial interests in the territory granted by the Sultan of Zanzibar and other potentates.

There has been an immense coffee deal at Hamburg, the price advancing from 85 to 250 plenning in three days. The bulls netted 40,000,000 marks, then but courage and the price dropped.

James G. Fair for \$1,250,000. In London the price of bread has ad-vanced a penny a loaf, and it is believed. Oukland on one of the fine ferry boats of there will be a shortage of 75,000,000 the Parific Railroad system, or in from bushels of wheat in the whole world's the Gulden Gate on the deck of a steamer, requirements. The potato crop in England and Ireland is a partial failure. Charles Crocker bequeathed the whole

of his estate, which amounted to \$25,000,-000, to relatives and members of his own family Good payable gold has been discovered at Michigan. The retail price of coal in San Francisco has advanced to \$20 per ton, and sad accident that, according to an there is no sign of a termination to the

Australian strike among the coal miners.

A mail peuch containing \$15,660 has

Several prominent officials have been arrested in Philadelphia for combining to secure payment for uncompleted street

Justice Field has delivered the deciin the Sharon case against Sarah Althea. During the reading of the decision Mrs. Terry asked Judge Field how much he had been paid for his decision and

deputies. A revolver was taken from There are, I believe, ten or twelve lines by dynamite for the fourth time, and at Mrs. Terry's hand-bag. After a severe of cable cars by means of which, and in struggle both were locked up, and the connection with the railroads, one may Court subsequently sentenced Mrs. Terry to thirty days imprisonment in the city. The climate is such that open the Alameda county jail, and Judge cars are run all the year round. The Terry to six months. They are both now holding daily receptions there.

There has been a heavy advance in freight rates between New York and

Spalding's baseball team is being organized for the Australian tour, with Ward of New York as captain, Fogerty and Wood of Philadelphia, Carroll of on a Broadway or a Cambridge horse-Pittsburg, Hanlon of Detroit, Tiernan of railroad. The cable cars are so large, New York already selected. They are having nearly the capacity of two ordi-to leave here by the Alameda on Nov-nary horse-cars, and are run so freember löth. An attempt was made to steal the

body of Maxwell the murderer. Goldenson, the child murderer, will like this, let us take one line-the Geary hang on the 14th inst. His mother has applied for letters of guardianship on the ground that he is insane and not able to manage his property, a lot having been presented to him. A jury has been summoned to examine into his sanity but the sheriff will not produce him in Court and intends to hang him

at the time appointed.

A Few Failures. Samuel Bliss, sugar manufacturer, of Chicago, has failed with liabilities of \$125,000. Arthur Field's Biscuit Company, known as the American Cracker Company, of San Francisco, has failed with liabilities of \$100,000. James P. Bennett, coffee dealer, of New York, has failed with liabilities of \$150,000. George Grady & Co., sardine packers, of East-port, Maine, have failed with liabilities of \$30,000. Charles Vogt & Co., importers of China and glassware at New York, have failed with liabilities of \$100,000. Morse, of Ellsworth, Maine, owner of saw mills, sailing vessels and timber lands, has failed with liabilities of \$126,-000. It is expected that Wm. T. Coleman & Co.'s offer of 40 cents, payable in three years, will be accepted and that the firm will resume business.

Shipping News. The following is the latest shipping

news: SAN FRANCISCO, Arrivals-Aug. 26 orig J. D. Spreckels, 22 days from Ka-nalui; brig Lurline, 29 days from Hilo. Aug. 27, bark C. D. Bryant, 22% days, and bktne. Mary Winkelman 24% days, from Honolulu. Sept. 1, S.S. Mariposa, 7 days; Sept. 2, brig W. G. Irwin, 213 days; Sept. 4, S. S. Australia, 7 days; sept. 6, schr W. S. Bowne, 2116 days.

Departures—Aug. 25, S. S. Alameda for Honolulu; Aug. 29, bark W. B. God-frey for Nanaimo; Aug. 31, bark Alden Besse for Nanaimo; Sept. 2, brig J. D. Spreckels for Kahului; Sept. 6, bark Lady Lampson and brig Consuelo for Honolulu; Sept. 10, brig Lurline for

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for Honolulu, on contract time and without Union crew. The steamer Mary D. Hume went shore on a sand bar at Eel river. No

The White Star line is building two steamers at Belfast to make the trip across the Atlantic in five days. Captain Goodman of the Golden Fleece reports passing a large Oregon spruce pine tree in mid-ocean upon two occasions, first on November 15, 1887, in the Hazard, and again on June 22d last in

24deg. 2min. North and 143deg. 10min. The schooner Bessie Everding went ashore yesterday morning, in a thick fog, about one mile from the Cliff House. She is a total wreck but the crew were

saved. The British bark Derby Parke, from Port Discovery for Melbourne, went ashore about a month ago on Philadelphia Island. The crew reached Tahiti after enduring great hardship. The cap-tain's wife was drowned, The cargo belonged to Pope and Talbot.

The brig W. G. Irwin reports encoun tering a cyclone on the evening of her departure from Honolulu. It blew the lower topsails and foresail clear out of the boltropes, and blew away the reefed main-staysail. The vessel was hove-to with a weather-cloth in the main rigging and a hawser paid out over the bow. There was not a stitch of canvas bent for forty-eight hours, the height of the storm lasting for twelve hours and it being impossible to do anything for the next day and a half.

## SAN FRANCISCO TRAMWAYS.

Now that our citizens are really going to have street tramways, and enjoy the luxury of riding in them from Diamond Head to Mounalou hills, the following sketch of San Francisco cable cars and tramways, written by an Easterner visiting that city, will be read with interest: San Francisco, like Rome, is a city set

on hills. Instead of seven, however, The Lick House has been sold to there seem to be about seventy times seven. As you approach the city for the the roofs and huildings appear to stretch back from the water in undulations. Above everything rises Telegraph Hill like an Acropolis. When you get settled, and sally out from your hotel to take a cable-car ride, you find that your first impression is a right one—the city is undulatory. There are places in which there is apparent danger of the Omaha paper, recently occurred in Kansas City, where a Mr. J. Smith fell off his back yard onto the roof of his house, disuppeared between New York and and was severely injured. It is not an exaggeration to say that at one of the hills of the Powell Street cable line, during my first ride, I instinctively grasped the edge of the seat, and held on, to keep from sliding down the car. Are you familiar with Boston? and do you re-member the Pinckney Street Hill, as it rises from Charles Street to Louisburg Square? San Francisco is full of just such hills as that.

These very hills of San Francisco have opened in Eastern cities. A few cases of otherwise insulted the Court till she was developed what is undoubtedly the best small-pox have occurred in San Fran-ordered into the custody of Marshall system of surface transfer in the country

quickly and easily travel to any part of smoothness with which the cars travel, the ease with which at a comparatively high rate of speed they are stopped started, slowed down, and manipulated in crowded streets, and the absence of jaded, steaming, struggling horses, is a source of delight to the Easterner who has been a dependent for transportation nary horse-cars, and are run so frequently, that there is very little overcrowding. For some statistics, if statistics are not ruled out of a bit of gossip Street road, for instance. It is about two and a half miles long. The wire rope cable is a little over one inch in diameter, and there are 27,100 feet of it. It takes sixty horse-power to drive cars and all. The life of the cable is about 430 days. . Curiously enough, it is said that the cable system works better over several sharp hills than on a level. On the hills the cars balance one another, somewhat as two well-buckets do running on a pulley-wheel. A complete system of transfers enables one to go almost anywhere for five cents. The other morning I rode on two separate horse-car lines and a cable-car line all for one five-cent fare, receiving transfer checks from one to the other. It seems surprising, at least to one ignorant of the mechanical and engineering difficulties in the way, that New York has not adopted the cable system. Possibly the greatest problem is how to engineer a franchise through the Board of Aldermen.

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